Corruption in KVS

1345. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several MPs had made written and oral submissions to him during 1992-95 to institute a high level probe into multifacet corruption prevailing in Kendriya Vidyalaya San-gathan at the instance of the then Human Resource Minister and officers of KVS as detailed in some open letters addressed to him; and

(b) if so, what has been the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Some of the Members of Parliament had forwarded representations listing certain grievances /demands including demand for conducting an enquiry into the alleged irregularities. For the period 1992 up to 26 May, 1995, the competent authority of the Sangathan, having looked into the allegations, was of the opinion that these allegations do not warrant any further enquiry as they are obscure and without substance. For the period after 26 May, 1995, information is being gathered and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

Formalities for opening computer training institutes

1346. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) if school has its Computers and a fully equipped Computer Centre, whether it can start its own computer training courses on the lines of those being run by the hundreds of computer training institutes in the various cities;

(b) if so, what are the formalities required to be completed by these schools and,the precautions to be taken; and

(c) what steps are being taken to en courage computer education in the soc iety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) (1) In Schools which are affiliated with the Central Board of Secondary Education or affiliated to any of the other State Board, students are required to follow the curricula/courses as also appear for examinations as prescribed by the Board. Such schools are not permitted to offer any other courses other than those prescribed by the Board. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme called "Computer Literacy & Studies in Schools" (CLASS), some Govt. / Govt.; aided schools are conducting computer classes for enabling students to get hands on experience on computers.

(2) The Govt, has taken various measures to encourage computer education. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme called "Computer Literacy & Studies in Schools" (CLASS) is currently under implementation by the Ministry of HRD. Under this Scheme financial assistance is given to States/UTs for providing computer hardware, software and for maintenance in Govt./Govt, aided senior secondary schools. The University Grants Commission has also provided assistance to 1983 colleges for procurement and maintenance of computer hardware. It has also provided assistance for conducting programmes in computer education in 34 Universities. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has also introduced computer education at different levels, in its affiliated schools. Courses are offered under work experience, as part of pre-vocational education

at the secondary stage and as an elective subject under the academic stream.

(3) The Department of Electronics has also initiated Schemes to promote computer education in the country. Under the Scheme "DOE-ACC" (Department of Electronics-Accrediation Computer Courses), private and public sector institutions, meeting specified norms and having appropriate irifrastructural facilities, are considered for accredition for conducting four level computer courses, namely: 'O', 'A', 'B' and *C levels.

(4) In general the Boards do not permit schools affiliated to them to run computer classes on commercial basis, as is being done by various training institutes in the country.

चम्बल क्षेत्र के बीहड़ क्षेत्रों के विकास हेतु परियोजना

1347. श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार के कृषि विभाग ने जून, 1995 में चम्बल क्षेत्र के बीहड़ क्षेत्रों के विकास हेतु कोई परियोजना उनके मंत्रालय को प्रस्तुत की थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस परियोजना में क्या-क्या कार्य किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है और इस परियोजना की लागत कितनी है;

(ग) इस परियोजना के अंतर्गत कुल कितने बीहड़ क्षेत्र का विकास किया जाएगा; और

(घ) इस परियोजना को कब तक स्वीकृति दी जाएगी?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) प्रमुख कार्यों में वर्षी उपायों के साथ बाह्य् भूमि उपचार द्वारा भूमि विकास, फसल उत्पादन तथा फसल प्रदर्शन, बागवानी रोपण तथा उपयोगी रोपण, वनरोपण, किसान नर्सरी की स्थापना, वन नर्सरी तथा पशुधन विकास शामिल है। परियोजना की अनुमानित लागत 158.58 करोड़ रुपए है।

(ग) इस परियोजना के अंतर्गत कुल एक लाख हैक्टेयर क्षेत्र के विकास करने का लक्ष्य है।

(घ) जर्मनी सरकार ने इस परियोजना प्रस्ताव में बहुत सी कमियां बताई हैं और इसलिए इस परियोजना को इसके वर्तमान स्वरूप में शुरू करने में अपनी असमर्थता व्यक्त की है।

Reservation for Women in Parliament and State Assemblies

1348. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government propose to amend the Constitution to incorporate 33 per cent reservation for females in State Assemblies and Parliament; if so, whether such an amendment is being introduced in the current session of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): The Common Minimum Programme of the United Front Government provides that one third -of the elected membership in Parnamcnt and State legislatures will be reserved fon- women. However, no final deciator An matter has yet been taken.

Punishment to Polluting Units and Individuals

1349. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to punish the individuals' industrial units/official agencies in case they pollute directly or indirectly the environment in any way;

(b) if so, the details of such a move with elaborate arrangements to keep a watch in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to safe guard the interest of labourers in case the pollution spreading units are shifted to remote places; and

(d) if so the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?